

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the cellular protease is calpain.

7. (Currently amended) A method of decreasing viral replication of a human cytomegalovirus in cells, the method comprising decreasing levels of functional cellular protease in the cells by exposing the cells to a calpain inhibitor, wherein the cells are infected with the human cytomegalovirus and wherein the calpain inhibitor is E64d ~~E64D~~ or Z-Leu-Leu-H, wherein the calpain inhibitor increases the levels of p21^{cip1} in the cells whereby viral replication of a human cytomegalovirus is decreased.

8.-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the cellular protease is calpain.

15. (Previously presented) A method of treating a viral infection of a human cytomegalovirus in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to decrease levels of functional cellular protease in cells of the subject wherein the compound increases the levels of p21^{cip1} in the cells whereby viral replication of a human cytomegalovirus is decreased and the compound is E64d or Z-Leu-Leu-H.

16.- 18. (Canceled)